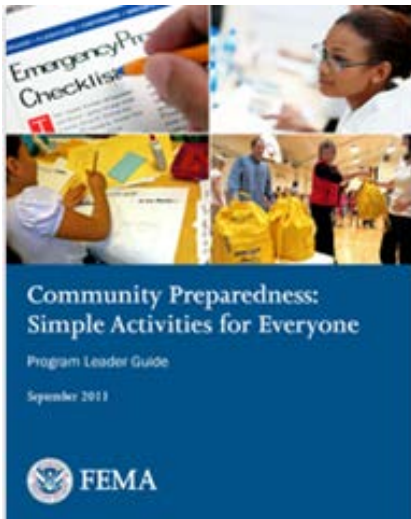


Get Your Community Prepared by Taking the IS-909 Course Today!

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS: USING A NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS APPROACH

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility and requires whole community involvement. FEMA



encourages a “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” approach, which empowers leaders to educate their communities on simple steps they can take to be prepared for any disaster. FEMA offers tools and trainings such as the IS-909 course

to meet the needs of community leaders or organizations, who are in need of a simple, yet effective preparedness training. The IS-909 course is designed to provide a easy approach to preparedness for those with a basic or advanced understanding. FEMA recommends advocates for preparedness take this training and share its content with members of their community.

IMPLEMENTING SIMPLE ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

FEMA’s Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) in partnership with the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) designed a curriculum that serves the preparedness training needs of the whole community. The **free** online independent study course “[IS-909, Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone](#),” is a train-the-trainer course and geared toward those supporting any existing, neighborhood preparedness program.

The course provides you access, in as little as 45 minutes, to a model program for community preparedness. The IS-909 course also offers materials to help organizations conduct a simple, activity-based community preparedness program for everyone.

“46 percent of individuals expect to rely a great deal on people in their neighborhood for assistance within the first 72 hours after a disaster.”

*-2011 Citizen Corps survey,
“Personal Preparedness in America”*

The course is available on the [EMI website](#).

At the end of the IS-909 course, practitioners will receive a certificate of completion and be able to:

- Identify the definition of preparedness;
- Describe the role of individuals and households in preparedness;
- Identify community preparedness principles;
- Describe the purpose of community-based preparedness activities;
- Identify the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program; and
- Identify resources for supporting community-based preparedness programs.

EMI also awards 0.1 Continuing Education Units for successful completion of this course.

Find more information on this course and more preparedness training curriculum at:

www.ready.gov/citizen-corps

COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Upon completion of the IS-909 course, practitioners will be trained to offer their communities the series of 16 [Preparedness Activities for Communities Everywhere](#).

The modules can be presented as standalone activities (15 - 30 minutes) or combined to create a comprehensive community training.

The 16 modules cover the following topic areas:

Core topics:

- Preparedness on a budget.
- Developing personal neighborhood support networks.

Hazard-reduction topics:

- Putting out fires.
- Identifying hazards in the home.

Specialized preparedness topics:

- Pet/service animal preparedness
- Whole community concept

The tools include:

- A comprehensive [Program Leaders guide \(13-page PDF\)](#) to start a neighborhood preparedness effort. It strongly encourages cooperation, coordination, collaboration and communication with local government and existing preparedness programs before starting a new effort.
- A [facilitator guide \(127-page PDF\)](#) to assist the person who will lead the training, related presentation materials, and handouts for participants to use and keep.
- Preparedness Activities for Communities Everywhere modules, available in [English \(127-page PDF\)](#) and [Spanish \(127-page PDF\)](#).

SIMPLE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

Steps found in the [Program Leaders Guide](#)

Step 1: Take the IS-909 Course



Step 2: Identify Your Target Audience



Step 3: Determine Interests and Needs



Step 4: Select Presenters



Step 5: Prepare the Presentation



Step 6: Arrange Logistics



Step 7: Get the Word Out

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FEMA is available to help you develop, tailor and refine quality local community preparedness programs which fit your needs. To request assistance, please send an email to citizencorps@dhs.gov with "Whole Community TA" in the subject line.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on whole community preparedness, please visit:

www.ready.gov/neighbors-helping-neighbors-through-preparedness.

